

## Forum Evaluation

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5. What did you think was the most useful part of the forum?

- Other people
- Meeting and discussing problems that I deal with every day with people that have different perspectives and backgrounds
- Interaction between various stakeholders
- Exercises. Mixing groups very useful
- Brainstorming
- A good first step toward doing something
- Discussion among participants
- Exercise 3
- Open question and discussion
- The group discussions
- Brainstorming of challenges/issues
- Broad background of participants → different perspectives
- Cross section of ideas
- Afternoon, defining goals
- Brainstorming session by each table
- Exchanging input
- Understanding vast perspective
- Being able to discuss forest issues with people from so many areas of the industry and hear each's opinion.
- Composition of participants
- Discussion exercises
- Working with a broad variety of professionals
- #3
- Networking with others with common interests, to begin to get concepts to paper.
- Diversity of views and experiences

6. What did you think was the least useful part of the forum? (How could we improve it?)

- Possibly including more existing data on Baltimore County's forest resources
- It was good
- Exercise 1 – need to emphasize the difference between identifying issues = problems and issues = solutions that should be implemented. We had too much of the latter.
- Lunch...just kidding. Thank you for lunch
- None
- Prioritizing activity
- Goals and indicator section
- I could not say it was all very interesting and helpful to understand issues in Baltimore
- Better caterer that is prepared and supplies utensils, condiments, etc.
- I think it was great
- None
- The process allowed that those participants with stronger voices had a greater impact on the final outputs.
- All good
- More background on Montreal Process and how Baltimore County intends to use this process.

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7. How would you rate the following material?

Poor                      OK                      Great  
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a. Handouts 3.88	1	2	3	4	5
• Haven't read all					
b. Overview of Montreal Process Criteria & Indicators 3.59	1	2	3	4	5
c. Exercise to identify key issues/challenges for Baltimore County's Forest Resources 3.81	1	2	3	4	5
d. Overview of Sustainability Goals and Indicators 3.78	1	2	3	4	5
e. Exercise to define goals and developing indicators for Baltimore County's Forest Resources 3.88	1	2	3	4	5

8. What was missing from today's discussions? What topics and/or questions were not on the agenda that should have been?

- Need to include politicians
- Regional issues
- There needs to be more informed discussion on forest management options and values. People still tended to divide into forestry and anti-forestry stances.
- Directions for Exercise #3 should have included a sample "walk though"
- All was done that could be done.
- What processes can lead to sustainable forest management in Baltimore County
- Radical environmental group representatives; were there any ecologists here?
- What separate out Baltimore County from the rest of Maryland?
- Review of current regulations and existing and past goals
- Nothing at this time
- The participation of other groups directly/indirectly involved with natural resources.
- There is much more to talk about, and do it I will help

9. Other comments:

- Moving around so frequently – changing group composition for morning and afternoon and the too extensive carousel activity (seven sets of comments was too much) – meant a loss of continuity in thinking throughout the day and loss of and incomplete development of some ideas.
- Products of workshop still involve overwhelming amount of data to be digested by County.
- Re 7b – need to use the indicators to help people understand the criteria. Also need to deal with the tendency for criteria to merge into each other.
- Thank you for allowing me to be part of this process.
- Good start! (ReceParks facilities needs to recycle)
- The forum was wonderful – questionnaire doesn't cover the true value – I don't need to understand more – sharing and process were important

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- I liked that the projections were in the handouts.
- We need to format and unite forest resource management and come to common objective
- Thanks for all your hard work.
- The group activities seemed so rushed and discussions were fragmented. Luckily this is the beginning of the process. The next step should include a synthesis of the comments writer during the key issues/challenges exercise.
- Distribute handouts and briefing information prior to the workshop for review. Explain in more depth the context of each of the Montreal Process Criteria. Have people representing different backgrounds provide 5 minute briefings on forest management issues in Baltimore County. Great to see Baltimore county take the lead in this – way to go!